

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No.

09/656,518, now U.S. Patent No. 6,556,989 _____ (~~Attorney Docket No. INT1P209~~)

entitled "Quantifying The Level Of Interest Of An Item Of Current Interest" filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,346 _____ (~~Attorney Docket No. INT1P210~~) entitled

"Normalizing A Measure Of The Level Of Current Interest Of An Item Accessible Via A Network" filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent No. 60/178,627 entitled "Alerting Users To web Sites of Current Interest and Handling Large Increases In User Traffic" filed January 29, 2000 which is incorporated by reference for all purposes.
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